Scheme for Modernsations of Hand-looms

2664. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement a scheme for moderni sation of handlooms to upgrade the technology;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed scheme;

(c) whether the State Govern ment and central Government will share equality to implement : the scheme;

(d) the details of the allocations made by the Central Government for the proposed scheme; and

(e) to what extent the handloom weavers in the country would be benefitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): fa) The Government is already implementing a Scheme for modernisation of rooms.

(b) The per loom assistance for modernisation of looms is Rs. 4,000!-for ordinary loom; Rs. 8,000!- for Jacquard|Pedal loom and Rs. 2,500'-for purchase of accessories.

(e) The Central and the State-Governments are sharing the assistance equally.

(d) The Central Government has made a provision of Rs. 240.00 lakhs under the scheme for 1992-93.

(e) Approximately, 16000 hand looms in. the country will be moder nised during 1992-93.

Inter-Ministerial Committee on Jute Industry

2665. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up inter-ministerial committee to suggest policy measures for modernisation and diversification of jute industry; and

(b) by when the inter-ministrial committee contemplates to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The committee has been asked to submit its report by 30th September, 1992.

Reorganisation of the Office of the Textile Cemmissioner

2666. DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased' to state:

(a) when the Office of Textile Commissoncr was established in India;

(b) whether it has any relevance in view of the economic reforms introduced in India;

(c) whether Government propose to reorganise this office; and

(d) if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Office of the Textile Commissioner was established in 1943.

(b) While the nature and emphasis of its work may change from time to time, it has continuing relevance.

i (c) and (d) changes in its staffing pattern, strength of head office, Io-
! cation and staff strength of its barn-